Public Office, *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*

THE PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

OR,

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

SENT

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, JULY 8, to FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1774. [No. 24.

The DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby save the Lives of many of his Majesty's Subjects by the speedy Detection of Criminals. To check the mischievous Effects of Luxury, and raise an Attention, if possible, to a due Subordination by seasonable Persuasions, conveyed in Essays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authenticated Merits to the Public. To state existing Evils that affect the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public-spirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the highest Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the most disinterested Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no possible Gain can arise, except that immense one of deserving well of his Country; it has the fairest Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Assistance of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majesty's well-disposed Subjects.

J. FIELDING.

P. S. All Essays for the Hue and Cry are desired to be directed to Bow-Street.

FELONS AT LARGE, ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

JOHN GULLETT, John Pruft, Robert Elms, John Parker, John Doughty, and Thomas Weft.

John Gullett, is about five Feet four Inches high, black complexioned, wears his own ftreight black Hair, a little pock-marked; a Mafon by Trade.

John Pruft, is a Labourer, five Feet fix Inches high, fair complexioned, wears his own light brown curled Hair.

Robert Elms, is a Maifter, five Feet five Inches high, his own dark ftreight Hair, fwarthy Complexion, ftiff. The above three Perfons broke out of Plymouth Gaol laft January, when under Sentence of Tranfportation.

John Parker, is thirty-four Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high, dark complexioned, wears his own ftreight black Hair, and is a Shoe-Maker by Trade; broke out of Horfham Gaol in December, 1773; charged with Horfe-ftealing.

John Doughty, is a Gardener, forty Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, dark brown Hair, full faced, [illegible]nut, much fcarred in one Eye; broke out of [illegible] Gaol in November, 1772.

Thomas Weft, is a Gardener, twenty-two Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, born at Southampton, ftreight and ilim, black, fhort, curled Hair, fwarthy Complexion, pock-marked; broke out of Southampton Gaol laft March. Give Notice to the above Office.

A DARING ROBBERY.

ON Wednefday Night the 20th July, two Perfons anfwering the following Defcription, broke open the Houfe of Mr. Harding, Steward to Lord Trevor, at Hampden, Bucks, and ftole a Silver Cream-pot, marked H, with feveral Pieces of fmall Plate, and about Ten Guineas in Money. Whoever will apprehend either of them, or give fuch Notice to the above Office, as may be the Means of their being apprehended, fhall receive Twenty Guineas Reward, on their Conviction.

The faid Men were both middle aged, middle fized, and wore their own Hair. One was a little lame, and the other was very fwarthy; one wore a dark blue Coat, and the other a reddifh one; they had with them two indifferent brown Horfes, one of which was a little lame and remarkably fhod, the Shoes being turned or doubled at the End.

It feems, that thefe two Men have lately made it a Practice to enquire after the Houfes of Gentlemen's Stewards; which ought to be a Caution to fuch Perfons.

Durham, 20th July, 1774.

WHEREAS the Dwelling-houfe of Mr. Reed, in Durham, was laft Night broke into, and feveral Pieces of Plate, hereunder-mentioned, ftolen thereout: Whoever will give Information to the above Office, or to Mr. Hugall, in Durham, whereby the faid Plate may be had again by the Owner, fhall receive a Reward of Five Guineas. And whoever will make a Difcovery of the Perfon or Perfons guilty of the faid Burgulary, fo as he, fhe, or they may be convicted thereof, fhall, upon fuch Conviction, receive a further Reward of Five Guineas, to be paid by the faid Mr. Hugall.

Two Silver Candleſticks, eighteen Silver Spoons, fix Deſert Spoons, with the Family Creſt (a Griffin) engraved thereon; a Set of Silver Caſtors, and a Silver Stand, with the Family Arms engraved on each.

BURGLARY.

WHEREAS William Gefper, James Mitchell, William Shephard, and others of the Parifh of Broad Chalk, in the County of Wilts, did, in the Night of the 11th of December 1773, break and enter into a Cellar belonging to Mr. Thomas Gould, of Compton Hut, on Salifbury Plain, in the faid County, and carried from thence about thirty Gallons of ftrong Beer, eight Cheefes, and eight Buſhels of Malt. Whoever will take the abovefaid Offenders, or either of them, fo as they may be brought to Juſtice, ſhall receive of the aforefaid Thomas Gould, One; Guinea for each Perſon on Conviction, over and above what is allowed by Act of Parliament.

N. B. William Jefper is about thirty Years of Age, about five Feet ten Inches high, his own Hair, of a lightiſh Complexion, had on, when he abſconded, a light coloured Cloth Coat and Buck/kin Breeches, talks very thick, and has very rotten Teeth before.—James Mitchell, is about five Feet ſeven Inches high, his own black curled Hair, down Look, of a pale Complexion, a large Dimple in his Chin, a Scar in his Cheek, very thick Lips, and talks very thick. Sheppard is a middle-ſized Man, about forty Years of Age, with his own black Hair; had on when he abſconded a white Canvaſs Frock, a blue Waiſtcoat, and Leather Breeches; he is ſuppoſed to be at or near Ringwood.

WHEREAS Thomas Harris, Henry Joſeph Coxhill, called *Harry the Rowler*, and John Murphy, ſtand charged before Sir John Fielding on a violent Suſpicion of having been guilty of divers Robberies on the Roads round London, ſome of their Accomplices being in cuſtody, Who-ever will apprehend them, or give ſuch Notice as may be the Means of apprehending them, ſhall receive five Guineas Reward on their Commitment.

N. B. The ſaid Thomas Harris is a middle ſized down-looking Man, ſlong and tawny Face, lank Hair, about twenty-ſeven Years old, ſpeaks much like a Jew, and generally dreſſes in brown Cloaths.—The ſaid Henry Joſeph Coxhill has been a Poſt-Boy, is a ſhort thick young Man, full round Face, brown lank Hair, and dreſſed in brown Cloaths.—The ſaid John Murphy is a little ſhort young Man, Hair tied behind, by Birth an Iriſhman, and is by Trade a Taylor.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

WILLIAM HALL, charged with obtaining, by Fraud, at Warrington, the 20th Inſtant, a Black Mare, with a ſwitch Tail, a ſmall Star in her Forehead, fourteen Hands high, has a Blemiſh on the off hind Foot, occaſioned by a Blood-Wart, which makes her go ſtiff.

He is a Shoemaker by Trade, twenty-ſeven Years old, five Feet ten Inches high, thin Face, well made, large Noſe, brown Eyes, curled Hair long on the Forehead, had on an old light Cloth Coat, ſcarlet Waiſtcoat, greaſy Leather Breeches, patched between the Legs; has been in the Army and in the Militia. Give Notice to the above Office, or to George Heron, Eſq. at Dareſbury, near Warrington.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

THOMAS FITZGERALD, and one DWYER, charged with robbing a poor Man on the 23d Inſtant, of a Silver Watch, Maker, Edward Hammond, No. 5945. They are both Iriſhmen, and are ſuppoſed to be gone for Ireland Fitzgerald is a luſty Man, about five Feet eleven Inches high, Roman Noſe, black Eyes, and black curled Hair; dreſſed in a drab coloured Coat and Waiſtcoat, greaſy Leather Breeches, and blue Stockings.—Dwyer is about ſix Feet high, was dreſſed in a brown Coat and Waiſtcoat, and Leather Breeches, blue Stockings, and a grey Cut-Wig, and had with him a Boy about thirteen or fourteen Years of Age, rather ſmall of his Age, dreſſed in black Coat, with Strings in his Shoes. One Guinea Reward is offered for each of the Men. Give Notice to the above Office.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

THOMAS BROGDEN, charged with forging a Draught upon a Banker, in Payment for which he received a 30l. Bank Note, B. 667, payable to John Ruſſel. He is about eighteen or nineteen Years of Age, about five Feet ſix Inches high, has a Mark on his Cheek, is thin, and rather ſtoops in his Shoulders, light brown Hair, which he ſometimes wears tied; he had on when he went away on the 27th inſtant, a brown mixed Coat, Waiſtcoat and Breeches, and a round Hat, bound with a black Ribbon. He was born in Weſtmoreland, and is Apprentice to Meſſrs. Gillow and Taylor, Cabinet-Makers, in Oxford-Street, by whom a Reward of five Guineas is offered to any perſon that will apprehend and bring him before Sir John Fielding.

N. B. One Thomas Rumble went off with him, who is likewiſe a run-away Apprentice; he is about nineteen Years of Age, five Feet four or five Inches high, light brown Hair tied behind, pale Complexion, grey Eyes, rather long Viſage, dreſſed in a dark blue Coat and Waiſtcoat, and black Leather Breeches.

A MURDER was committed in the Pariſh of Clynnog, Carnarvonſhire, on Sunday the 12th Day of July inſtant, on a Boy about ſix Years old, by his Step-mother Margaret, the Wife of William Williams, Labourer, who immediately afterwards abſconded. She is about twenty-ſeven Years of Age, about five Feet ſeven Inches high, of a dark Complexion, black Hair, black and heavy Eye-brows; a healthy robuſt Woman, freſh Colour in her Cheeks, and has an Heſitation in her Speech; her maiden Name was Morris: She had on a dark Stuff Gown, a ſtriped Petticoat, a blue Cloak and a Shag Riding Hat. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Church Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh of Clynnog.

STOLEN July the 24th, from Tottenham, in Middleſex, a light grey Cart Gelding, fifteen Hands and a half high, full aged, rather low backed and flat ribbed, ſhort docked, but the hair grown to a ſwitch, each ſhoulder Collar marked, ſteps long in his Walk. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office.

STOLEN from Great Wenham, in Suffolk, June the 13th, a Black Cart Mare, ſix Years old, fifteen Hands and a half high, a Blaze down her Face, ſome White on one Foot, a ſtanding Mane and cut Tail. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Arthur Cooke, at Great Wenham.

STOLEN or STRAYED, on Wedneſday the 20th of July, 1774, out of a Field between Tottenham-High-Croſs and Weſt Green, Middleſex a gelding, aged, about fifteen Hands high, black Mane and Tail, ſome Scars behind his Ears, made rather narrow behind, and no white about him: Alſo a crop Black Mare, full age, about fourteen Hands and a half high, long Fore-Hand ſwitch Tail and thin Neck, and ſeveral Saddle Marks.

Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or at the Swan, at Tottenham.

STOPPED in the Country, (ſuppoſed to be ſtolen by a Man who is in cuſtody) thirteen Pieces of Hanover Lace, No. 6, B. ſixteen Pieces of the ſame, No. 7, B. ſeven odd Pieces of the ſame, No. 6 and 7, 86 Dozen No. Thread long Dozen, made by Jacob Van Weſterhave; five Dozen of Liſle Thread, No. 200; five Pieces of Incle; ſwelve Pieces of Holland Filletting, 27; ten Pieces of the ſame Filletting, 19; twenty-two Pieces of fine Thread Holland Tape; ſeventeen Pieces of the ſame Tape, No. 53; twelve Pieces of the ſame Tape, No. 65; ſix Pieces of the ſame Tape, No. 101; ſix Pieces of Diaper Tape, No. 102; two Pounds of ſixpenny flouriſhing Cotton; three quarters of a Pound of fine Dutch Thread; one Pair of white ribbed Silk Stockings, two Muſlin Neck-cloths, marked with a lead Pencil as a ſhop Mark O | J, the other B | x; two Pair of white thread cotton Stockings, ribbed; two Muſlin Stocks, marked with a Pencil B | ſ—E | u; four red and white Cotton Handkerchiefs; two purple and white Ditto; two Razors, capped with Silver in a Caſe; two Ditto, with tortoiſhell Caſe. The Owner is deſired to apply immediately to the above Office.

To the PRINTERS of the COUNTRY NEWS-PAPERS.

GENTLEMEN,

THE great readiness you have hitherto shewn to reprint my letter or paragraph that have a tendancy to propagate the knowledge of my GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN, as matter of public good, makes me wish that you would give the following letter a place in your respective Papers, as its benefits to the community must increase in proportion to its being known and attended to. Your compliance with this request will much oblige,

Your very humble servant,

J. FIELDING.

To the Mayors *of Corporations, the* Acting Magistrates *in the Counties at large, the* High Constables, Petty Constables, *the* Keepers of His Majesty's Gaols, Post-Masters, Agents for the Packets, Keepers of Passage Boats, *the* Searchers of the Several Ports, *and all Persons who are or may be concerned in the Execution of* SIR JOHN FIELDING's GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN.

THE amazing advantages which have already accrued to this kingdom from the publication of this useful Paper, animates me to the last degree to carry this GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN into vigorous execution, as it has not only detected many notorious offenders, but must have prevented many crimes. The great share which the Magistrates of the Corporations, as well as the Acting Justices at large have had in the forwarding this humane and useful institution, must, from these considerations, afford them a great satisfaction; and I take this occasion of returning them my hearty thanks for the zeal and attention they have already shewn in this public service, and hope they will continue to send me the earliest accounts in their power of the names, and exact descriptions of such offenders as may from time to time escape justice; and that they would at the same time transmit warrants for their apprehension; for this would save much time, and enable me, by the 24th of Geo. II. chap. 55. at once to convey the criminal, when taken, to the place where the offence was committed, without the delay and expence of a Habeas Corpus: this attention of the Magistrates must ever be the foundation and support of this undertaking. And as the Post-Masters throughout England have received directions from the Honourable the Post-Master General to send me the earliest account of every murder, highway robbery, or house-breaking, that may come to their knowledge, together with the best descriptions they can obtain of the offenders and the goods stolen, I do most earnestly request them to be attentive to these important directions, (which might be easily performed, if persons robbed in the country would give immediate notice at the next Post-office); for this account would shew at once the state of crimes and criminals throughout England, and put it in my power to advertise the Magistracy in that neighbourhood by means of this paper, and otherwise, of such transactions which must in general end in suppressing such offences, either by the flight or detection of the criminals: especially if the Mayors of the respective corporations will cause the HUE AND CRY to be carefully stuck up at the market-place on the market-days, and if the Acting Magistrates of the counties at large will also be so good as to cause the HUE AND CRY, sent to them to be stuck up at the church porch, the next turnpike, or some conspicuous place near their residence. This is so essential a part of this plan, that I flatter myself it will be punctually complied with.

The weekly reports which the Keepers of the County Gaols favour me with of the prisoners committed to their charge, have been, and always must be, extremely useful in detecting notorious offenders who have escaped justice either by breaking goal or otherwise; as also in discovering offenders, returned from transportation; for as persons long habituated to crimes seldom reform, but continue their practices wherever they go, this method must sooner or later bring them to justice. And hereby the Gaolers cannot be too minute or circumstantial in the descriptions of the persons, trades, and places of nativity of the prisoners they thus send an account of. One great object of this undertaking is to prevent the stealing of horses; a practice too common, and the more so as this offence is generally attended with impunity: but as horses stolen from every part of this kingdom are from time to time advertised in the front of this paper, purchasers in the country would do well to examine what horses are there described before they buy; and if the Mayors of Corporations at their respective fairs would cause the horses thus stolen and described to be cried, it would be the means of recovering many such horses, and of detecting many horse-stealers; and when this method is generally known, it must in time deter men from this practice, as it will make it difficult for them to find purchasers with any degree of safety: but no time should be lost in giving notice of these or any other robberies. It is also recommended to shop-keepers in towns where this paper is stuck up, to examine it before they purchase plate, apparel, or any valuable goods of strangers; and on such occasions to take the names and places of abode of the sellers. Stable-keepers, and all persons letting horses to hire should be as cautious in this transaction as is customary in the purchase of horses; in which case a voucher is required who knows the seller; thus Stable-keepers should require a voucher who knows the hirer: this precaution would save many an honest man's horse, prevent many highway robberies, and thereby preserve the lives of many of his Majesties subjects. Thus are all good men interested in assisting this great plan. And as it has lately, from its utility, been rendered more extensive, by sending the HUE AND CRY to the Agents for our Packets, to the Masters of our Passage Boats, to the Searchers of all the Ports throughout England, and to the Lieutenant-General of the Police in France, the escape of offenders must be prevented, or foreign countries advertised that such criminals have taken up their residence abroad: This last mentioned able, active and benevolent Gentleman, in consequence of our mutual correspondence, has already done an essential service to a respectable individual in this country, by detecting a notorious offender, and restoring a large sum of money which he had taken from his master: and as a farther aid to this plan, he most politely offers his best endeavours to serve me on any future occasion of the like nature, requesting only the same assistance on my part. Indeed, the sentiments of humanity, and the respect that is due to the honour of good government in general, urge me to wish most heartily that a reciprocal restitution of criminals was established between us and the neighbouring powers, especially in offences of a certain degree. Traitors, murderers and robbers are justly deemed "*Hostes humani generis*," and should find neither shelter nor sanctuary in any civilized society; but, on the contrary, ought to be restored to suffer the punishments of those laws which they have violated to the injury of their fellow creatures; nor, in my opinion, is there any thing in this assertion derogatory from the liberal and equitable principles of the law of nations: but there is reason to fear the fault in this particular is on our side; if so, may we not hope for some reformation in a matter of such immense importance.

By this enumeration of the different officers immediately concerned in the vigorous execution of this very humane undertaking, each will see what a chasm any neglect must necessarily occasion; and as its great object are those of saving the lives of his Majesty's subjects, preserving peace and good order, and a becoming subordination throughout the kingdom, a love for justice, a regard to true policy, and a sense of humanity, must all conspire to animate my countrymen to carry this preventive measure into vigorous and effectual execution: and his Majesty's subjects may be assured that their commands for the public welfare, as far as relate to my office as a magistrate, shall be carefully and expeditiously executed by,

Their faithful, and
obedient humble servant,

J. FIELDING.

P. S. The impositions by sharpers at fairs on farmers, &c. and at horse races on unwary people, arise from the credulity and ignorance of such persons; but as they generally begin their attacks by claiming them as acquaintances or countrymen, or by inviting them to feats of activity, or pricking in the belt, pretending to find money, or cutting at cards, or hiding of halfpence, or challenging them to produce a certain sum of money, or by false draughts, or by producing large bags of counters, resembling money, and such like devices, these hints are published to guard the unwary against their traps.

MONDAY, July 25.

LONDON.

They write from Paris, that in consequence of a late royal edict to apprehend vagabonds, upwards of 3000 persons have been taken up in that city and suburbs, whose method of subsistance appeared mysterious to the officers of the districts where they lived: children and the infirm are properly disposed of in the hospital and workhouses; but the young and healthy of both sexes are to be sent to their settlements in the West-Indies.

The Siren, Gilbert, and Edward, Paterson, with three fish each; and the Forbes, Beadnel, with four ditto, all from Greenland, are arrived in the river.

Capt. Dring, of the Benjamin, was killed by a harpoon gun; and the mate of the Berry was killed by a fish.

The Rev. Mr. Portal, M. A. Vicar of St. Helen's in Abingdon, and late Under Master of Roy's free grammar school there, is elected head master of the same, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Bright, who resigned on being appointed by the Reverend the Warden of New College, Oxford, master of the school there, preparatory to Winchester College.

The Rev. Mr. George Marsh is appointed chaplain to the 2d troop of horse guards, commanded by Lord Cadogan.

Thomas Oswald, Esq. is appointed Lieutenant Colonel to the 2d, or Queen's regiment of foot, commanded by Sir Charles Mongara.

MARRIAGES.] On the 10th instant was married at Nottingham-house, Scotland, Dr. James Williamson, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Glasgow, to Miss Kitty Sutherland, daughter of the late John Sutherland, Esq; of Forse. Last Tuesday, at Knutsford, Mr. Samuel Lawrence, of Cheapside, to Miss Potts, of Ollerton, Cheshire. On Thursday last, at St. Dunstan's in the East, the Rev. Mr. Bowen, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, to Miss Conway, daughter of Michael Wilkins Conway, Esq. Deputy Master of the Trinity-house.

DEATHS.] Yesterday morning, about eight o'clock, died, at Holland house, after a very tedious and lingering illness, the Right Hon. Lady Dowager Holland, in the 52d year of her age. Her Ladyship was eldest sister to his Grace the Duke of Richmond; was married to the late Lord Holland in the year 1744; and was created Baroness Holland, May 6, 1762, with the dignity of Baron Holland to her male heirs by her late Lord. It is computed Lady Dowager Holland, as residuary legatee, died worth 120 000l. in Government securities, besides her jointure which is 2000l. per annum. This amiable and truly virtuous woman passed through life beloved and esteemed by all that knew her. Such an example of piety and goodness, as her character afforded, makes her death a real loss to her sex, while her benevolent and charitable disposition has left thousands of the poor to lament her.

Friday died at his house near Hackney, of an asthmatic disorder, in the 75th year of his age, Mr. Bennet Bolton, formerly a day cooper in Thames-street. He has left a considerable fortune, which devolves to his only daughter, who is both deaf and dumb. On Thursday George Grant, Esq; of Greenwich Hospital, aged 75.

TUESDAY, July 26.

LONDON.

On Sunday her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia dined with their Majesties and the rest of the Royal Family at Kew.

Divine service is performed every Sunday morning in their Majesties private chapel at Kew, at which all the domestics of the household are obliged to be present. The King's chaplains attend alternately for that purpose.

The Henrietta, Capt. Lasley, from the Canaries, is put into Corke in distress. She had exceeding bad weather the whole passage, and on the 4th inst. being then in soundings, she met with a violent storm, in which they unrached to, and on the 18th got into that harbour, with the loss of her boats, great part of her rigging, and six men, who were washed over-board.

WEDNESDAY, July 27.

LONDON.

Orders are given for a general survey of all the fortifications in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isles of Mann, Jersey, Guernsey and Scilly.—Engineers are gone off for that purpose. Every place of strength is in future to be kept in thorough repair. Some of the old castles on the sea coasts are to be pulled down, and the old materials applied towards the building new fortifications and barracks for soldiers at every place where the former are erected.

We hear a new academy in the manner of that at Woolwich, is to be endowed at New York, for the future training up young gentlemen in the art of engineering, and to supply the artillery of that and the neighbouring provinces, without being under the necessity of being obliged to have fresh draughts from the royal artillery of England.

A new gallery is going to be built in the church of St. Ann's, Black Friars, which will hold 300 people.

Extract of a letter from Kirkwall, July 9.

"Some time ago, as some men were digging in a moss for turf, there were found two cows horns, containing a good quantity of pieces of silver of different shapes, and some silver coins, about the size of a four pence piece. The coins are thought to be as old as the year 1107, and are quite plain; having on one side a man in complete armour with a sceptre in his hand, and on the other side a circle with a cross through the middle. Some of the pieces of silver resemble the handles of coffins, and are of different sizes. The horns were about two feet below ground."

At Stafford Assizes the following persons were convicted, and received sentence of death, viz. Benjamin Wright and Joseph Tonks, for breaking open and robbing the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Wainwright; Richard Richards, for stealing a brown mare; Richard Silvester for a burglary in the house of Josh. Henshall; William Silvers, for a burglary in the house of William Smart; Evan Powell, for stealing a mare, the property of William Briscow; and William Evans, for a burglary in the house of John Bennett. Robert Boulton and Richard Dawson, for stealing a piece of velveret, the property of Joseph Worsley and Roger Worthington; Edward Folks, for a robbery in the house of Elizabeth Hall; Benjamin Seager, for stealing a quantity of tilted rod-iron, the property of Mr. John Ryland; John Wood, for stealing a large quantity of linen, the property of Jervoise Clerk, Esq. Hugh Hough, for stealing a quantity of buckles out of the house of William Davison; Thomas Allen, for stealing a parcel of linen cloth belonging to Joshua Brown; Robert and Francis Lakin, for stealing weavers apparel; and John Jones, for stealing 38 Half-Crown Pieces, and other things from William Cooper, were ordered to be transported for seven years. Three were acquitted; and four discharged by proclamation.

At Worcester Assizes last week, Emanuel Miers, for stealing a gold ring, the property of Mr. Lutwyche, watch-maker, of that city, was condemned, but afterwards reprieved.

Wednesday the assizes ended at Warwick, before Mr. Baron Perrott, and Mr. Justice Willes, when four prisoners received sentence of death; but three of them were reprieved before the Judges left the town; and William Cranmer for a highway robbery was left for execution.

Yesterday a cutter, with six young men on board, struck against the starlings of London-bridge, and sunk. Only one were saved.

DEATHS.] Yesterday died, at his house in Albemarle-street, the Right Hon. John Monson, Lord Monson, and Baronet, LL. D. and a Vice President of the Lock-hospital. He succeeded John, his father, the late Lord, on July 18, 1748. His Lordship, in June, 1752, married Theodosia, daughter of John Maddison, of Harpswell, in the county of Lincoln, Esq. by whom he had issue John, and several other children. On Sunday, in Princes-street, Manson-house, Mr. John Griffiths, jun. Glover, of this city. Same day, at his house near the Mint, in the Tower, Mr. Searle, Carpenter to the Board of Works, in the Tower. Yesterday, at Camberwell, in the 82d year of his age, Robert Nettleton, Esq. Governor of the Russia Company.

IRELAND.

Dublin, July 19. Yesterday morning between one and two o'clock, a most dreadful fire broke out at Mr. Darcy's sugar house, Marlborough-street, at the back of Sackville-street, which alarmed the neighbourhood, as it burnt with very great fury; but by the timely assistance of the Earl of Drogheda, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the watch of St. Mary's and St. Thomas's parishes with fire engines, the flames, which caught many houses and stables, were most happily extinguished. Soon after the fire broke out, the Lord-Mayor, Sheriffs, High Constable, &c. attended to prevent any further mischief.—On account of the many sugar houses that have been consumed by fire, we hear that heads of bills will be brought into Parliament to prevent any sugar-houses, distilleries, bake-houses, and tallow-chandlers, from being allowed in the city or suburbs of Dublin.

THURSDAY, July 28.

LONDON.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the principal officers of state, foreign ministers, &c. were present.

After the levee was up, the Right Hon. Lord North had a conference with his Majesty.

His Majesty returned from St. James's to Kew between three and four o'clock.

Yesterday passed the seal, writs directed to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, for proroguing the Convocation to the 16th of September next.

The Leviathan, Brinkley, from Greenland, is arrived in the River with nine fish; and the Forbes, Bednel, with four fish.

The Dundass, Robinson, from Greenland, is arrived at Dundee, with two fish, producing 90 butts of blubber, and about two tons of bone, of nine and eleven feet.

Tuesday night an inquisition was taken at St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, on Isaac King, a lad about fifteen years old. It appeared by the evidence, that on Wednesday last he was sitting on horseback in Tooley-street, athwart the highway, talking to a person, and that a cart, laden with corn, drawn by three horses, was slowly passing along without any driver; that the near wheel ran against the horse, and threw him to the ground with the deceased, and the wheel dragged the horse and boy along for about two yards; and quitting the horse, went suddenly with a great jerk over the deceased's right leg, which was shattered in pieces. He was carried to the above Hospital, but would not consent to have his leg taken off, and died miserably last Saturday. It farther appeared, that the driver immediately came up, having stopped a very short time to speak to a person; that he appeared very much concerned, and offered to surrender himself up to justice, though advised by other drivers to make off, but he refused it. His master appeared on the inquisition, and gave him the character of a sober man, a careful driver, and remarkably tender. The jury found it Accidental Death, and the near wheel a Deodand, value 5s.

We hear that last Monday morning, about one o'clock, the Lincoln coach was attacked upon Hertford-heath, by two highwaymen, one of whom was fired at by the passengers, and is supposed to be wounded.

Committed from the Public Office, in Bow-street, during the last three weeks.

Jane Castake, for stealing a quantity of stuff from her master, Mr. Cornish; John Popplewell, for stealing three silver spoons, the property of her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia; Edward Dixon, for stealing linnen and apparel, the property of Winifred Gibson; Thomas Colvin for stealing a hat, the property of William Holmes; Jane Lissman, for stealing four guineas and a box, the property of James Freeman; Susannah Bailis, Sarah King, and Bryan Smith, for stealing five guineas and a half from William Nelson; Mary Nebow, for stealing a pair of silver buckles and a necklace, the property of Rachael Ladrigniz; and Robert Campbell, for stealing some wearing apparel, the property of James Wright, Esq.

Committed during the last three weeks.

To Salisbury Gaol, Abraham Jolly, for murdering a woman near a year ago: he was born at Derby, five feet ten inches high, a Stocking-Weaver by trade, has been in the army. James Munday, for burglary, aged 14, born at Luggershall, Wilts, four feet two inches high, Labourer. William Thompson, for house-breaking, born at Broad Chalk, five feet seven inches high.

To York Castle, Joshua Smith, for highway robbery, aged thirty, five feet eight inches high, born at Bradford, Yorkshire. John Thompson, for felony, aged twenty-seven, five feet four inches and a half high, a Sailor, born near Edinburgh. Robert Hirst, for felony, aged thirty-two, five feet five inches high, born at Whitby, a Nailor. John Wood and Elizabeth Guy, for felony; Wood is twenty-two years of age, five inches high, born near Leeds; Guy is aged twenty-two, five feet four inches high, has a scar on her right cheek and a lump on her forehead, born at Darlington. Samuel Herring, for horse stealing, aged twenty-nine, a Labourer, five feet ten inches high.

To Oxford Castle, Thomas Creg, for felony, aged thirty-one, five feet eight inches high, born at Hingham, in Oxfordshire, a Labourer.

To Northampton Goal, Thomas Robinson, for felony, five feet six inches high, twenty years of age.

To Bedford Goal, John Smith, alias Daniel Debbony, for house breaking, aged twenty years, five feet four inches high, a Labourer, born at Ampthill. Thomas Ekins, for felony, aged thirty-six, five feet four inches high, a Labourer, lately of Risely. Joseph Marshall, for receiving stolen goods, aged thirty-seven, five feet seven inches high, a Miller by trade. Thomas Warren, for receiving stolen goods, he is forty-eight years of age, five feet ten inches high, a Plumber by trade. Philip Asborn, for felony, aged twenty-six, five feet two inches high, a Labourer, born at Cranfield. George Abbott, for sheep stealing, about fifty-eight years of age, five feet ten inches high, a Carpenter.

To Lancaster Gaol, Thomas Rice, for house-breaking: born at Formby, in Lancashire, five feet eight inches high, and slender.

To Exeter Gaol, Joel Long and John Burton, for felony. Thomas Prust, for sheep-stealing. Robert Davy, for sheep-stealing: born at Knowstone, in Devonshire. James Baker and John Jones, for highway robbery.

To Stafford Gaol, Evan Powell, late of Walsall, for horse-stealing: five feet eight inches high, aged forty-four. John Jones, for [illegible], aged twenty-six, five feet eight inches high.

To Shrewsbury Gaol, John Crompton, a notorious shamper, for felony; aged forty, five feet eight inches high, a Butcher by trade.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped: and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silversmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horse Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in these two daily papers; and as it is also as common for offenders, who escape justice in this metropolis, to fly into the country for shelter, these occurrences are constantly advertised in the HUE and CRY: by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil-disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity, and the honour of civil policy.

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